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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 1481.0170000

First Inventor or Application Identifier Steven Beck

Title System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Weather and Terrestrial Vegetation-Based Water Renovation and Management Forecasting

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

ADDRESS TO:

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1. ☒ \* Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 110 ]

(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the Invention  
- Cross References to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
- Reference to Microfiche Appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure

3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 41 ]

4. ☒ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 4 ]

a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)

b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)  
[Note Box 5 below]

i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 4b is checked)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy

b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)

c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

8. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney

10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment

13. ☒ Two Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)

14. ☒ \*Small Entity Statement(s) (PTO/SB/09-12) ☐ Statement filed in prior application, Status still proper and desired

15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)

16. ☒ Other: 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) Authorization

☐ Other:

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17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment:

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**Box Patent Application**

Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)  
Appl. No. (to be assigned); Filed: (herewith) April 12, 2000  
For: **System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Weather and  
Terrestrial Vegetation-Based Water Renovation and Management  
Forecasting**  
Inventors: Beck *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1481.0170000

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.  
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1. PTO Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17 (*in duplicate*);
2. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/05);
3. Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R §§ 1.9(d) and 1.27 (c)) -  
Small Business Concern;
4. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Weather and  
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and naming as inventors:

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the application consisting of:

- a. A specification containing a total of 110 pages:
    - i. 102 pages of description prior to the claims;
    - ii. 7 pages of claims (28 claims);
    - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
  - b. 41 sheet(s) of drawings: (Figures 1-5, 6A -6C, 7A-7B, 8A-8B, 9-35 and 36A-36I); and
  - c. An original executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application;
5. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3);
  6. Recordation Form Cover Sheet;
  7. An original executed Assignment to Strategic Weather Services, Inc., recordation of which is hereby respectfully requested;
  8. Two (2) return postcards; and
  9. Our check No. 27222 for \$ 496.00 to cover:
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    - \$ 40.00 Assignment recordation fee(s); and
    - \$111.00 Fee for excess claims.

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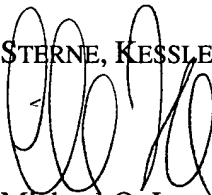
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101	690	201	345	Utility filing fee	345.00
106	310	206	155	Design filing fee	
107	480	207	240	Plant filing fee	
108	690	208	334	Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)					345.00

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

	Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims 28 - 20** = 8	X 9.00	=	72.00
Indep. Claims 4 - 3** = 1	X 39.00	=	39.00
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	78	202	39	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	260	204	130	Multiple dependent claim
108	78	209	39	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	380	216	190	Extension for reply within second month	
117	870	217	435	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,360	218	680	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,850	228	925	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	300	219	150	Notice of Appeal	
120	300	220	150	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	260	221	130	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,210	241	605	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,210	242	605	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	430	243	215	Design issue fee	
144	580	244	290	Plant issue fee	
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